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A recognized authority on international economics, Dr Saman Kelegama was the Founding Editor of *South Asia Economic Journal*, published a multitude of books and articles on a wide variety of topics and was an advisor to the United Nations, as well as to Sri Lankan government. Dr Kelegama was a trade policy economist who also worked on industrial economics, public enterprise reforms and macroeconomics. Those of us who have been fortunate enough to work with Dr Kelegama during his long and distinguished tenure at the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), first as a

Research Fellow from 1990 and then at the helm as its Executive Director from 1995, are immeasurably saddened by his sudden demise on Friday, 23 June 2017. He obtained his doctorate (DPhil) Economics from Oxford University in 1990 and MSc (Economics) from Oxford University and MSc (Maths) first class from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur, India. Dr Kelegama was a Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences of Sri Lanka and the Sri Lanka Economic Association. He was a Visiting Fellow at several prestigious international organizations. Dr Kelegama served on the Board of Directors of many government, private sector and professional institutions and also served in the governing boards of a number of regional and international institutions. He was the Chairman of Singer (Sri Lanka) PLC, and served as a Board Member at Sampath Bank for 12 years.

We have lost a visionary scholar, intellectual and institution builder. We have all gained from working with him. We want to thank him for his ideas and vision; he inspired us all, and his legacy will live on. We will miss him and remain thankful for what he has given to us as an economist and as a memorable and extremely charming person.

On behalf of the board of Editors and the SAGE team of *South Asia Economic Journal*, we would like to offer our sincere condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.
